



U.S. Embassy in Cairo TechGirls Exchange Program



Description:

The **TechGirls** program is an educational exchange initiative for approximately 27 teenage girls from the Middle East and North Africa. The three-to-four week exchange program in the United States will take place in summer 2015 and will focus on promoting the high-level study of applied technology. Eligible participants will be high school girls, aged 15 to 17 years old, who already have a demonstrated aptitude and strong interest in the field of technology. The program aims to empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology; link peers who share interests and abilities; develop the leadership skills of the participants; and promote mutual understanding among the peoples of the United States and the countries and territories of the Middle East and North Africa.

Eligibility Requirements:

Ideal candidates must:

- be between the ages of 15 and 17 as of July 1, 2015 (born after July 1, 1998, and before July 1, 2000);
- have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- intend to pursue higher education and careers in technology;
- have strong English language skills;
- be excited about learning;
- exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness; and
- attend at least one more semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country.

Application Instructions:

Please check this link for application and for more details about the program:

<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchggs.html>

Completed applications must include:

- Completed Application Form
- 1 Recommendation Letter (can be from school or another institution).
- Copy of passport (if available)
- Copy of school transcript (please do not submit original transcripts). Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's school showing the student's scores, grades, etc. for previous years of study.

For inquiries and to submit your application and supporting documentation, please e-mail

ExchangesCairo@state.gov with the program name in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications: February 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM